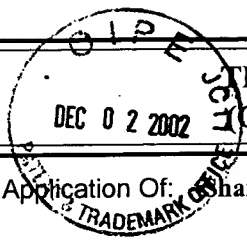


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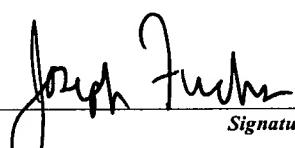
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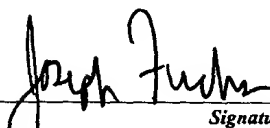
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 27, 2002, with a shortened statutory response period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time bringing the time to file this Reply to November 27, 2002. Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed herewith in payment of the associated fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

Claims 1-144 are pending in this Application. The Examiner has entered an Election/Restriction requirement requiring Applicants to select for prosecution one of three groups of claims. The Examiner has also requested an election of species to elect a single first component, a single second component and a single article for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants respectfully traverse the Election/Restriction requirements.

The Examiner has failed to make a prima facie case for requiring a Restriction. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 803, a restriction requirement is proper only if: (1) the inventions are independent

or distinct as claimed, and (2) there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required. Applicants acknowledge the claims of each group are patentably distinct from one another, but contend that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner if the restriction requirement were not required.

The Examiner further requests that Applicants restrict the invention to: (1) a single first component by electing either a homopolymer or specific copolymer of ethylene; (2) a single second component by electing either a homopolymer or copolymer of propylene, or a homopolymer or copolymer of 4-methylpentene. In addition, the Examiner requests that Applicants elect either tubing or monolayer or multilayered films. Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement as the Examiner has failed to provide an appropriate explanation of separate classifications, separate status in the art or a different field of search as required by M.P.E.P. § 803.

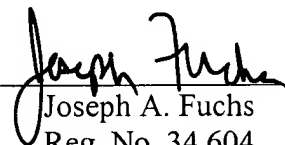
Notwithstanding these comments, Applicants elect to pursue the invention recited in Group II. Applicants further elect: (1) a first component of an ethylene α -olefin copolymer; (2) a second component of a propylene copolymer; and (3) a monolayer film. Thus, claims 22-35 and 37-39 read on this election.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit the claims are in condition for allowance and request an early notice of the same.

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